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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2016-OS-0038]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the DFAS announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by [insert date 60 days from publication in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: ODCMO, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service; Chief of Financial Operations; Retired and Annuitant Pay External Communications Division; ATTN: Chuck Moss, Cleveland, OH 44199-2001, or call at (216) 204-4426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**TITLE; ASSOCIATED FORM; AND OMB NUMBER:** Certificate of Existence Series; “Certificate of Existence,” DFAS Form 1800/97; “Certificate of Existence Non-Receipt Notice,” DFAS Form 1800/98; “Certificate of Existence Suspension Notice,” DFAS Form 1800/99; OMB Control Number 0730-XXXX.

**NEEDS AND USES:** The information collection requirement is necessary to verify continued eligibility for benefits of a retiree receiving hard copy checks in a foreign

country. DFAS Form 1800/98 is used as a second notice, and subsequently, DFAS Form 1800/99 is used as a third notice and payment suspended if not completed and returned.

**AFFECTED PUBLIC:** Individuals and Households

**ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS:** 75

**NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS:** 150

**RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT:** 2

**ANNUAL RESPONSES:** 300

**AVERAGE BURDEN PER RESPONSE:** 15 minutes

**FREQUENCY:** Bi-annually

Respondents are retirees living in a foreign country who receive a hard copy check mailed to them. Payments are suspended if the DFAS Form 1800-99 is not returned.

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